Irregularities in the Central Council of Homoeopathy

2583. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the irregularities and corruption in the Central Council of Homoeopathy; and

(b) if so, the details of investigation and the action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) and (b) Complaints about irregularities in the Central Council of Homoeopathy, which is a Statutory Body constituted under the Act of Parliament, have come to Government's notice. The issue has already been taken up.

Malaria and brain fever in HP

2584. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increasing incidents of malaria and brain fever in the State of Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and measures taken by Government to eradicate such harmful diseases from the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Himachal Pradesh is low malaria endemic State. As per reports recieved from the State Health authroties, the incidence of malaria during the last 3 years have been as under:—

Year	Positive Cases	No. of Deaths
1999	700	0
2000	491	0
2001	349	0

No case of Brain Fever has been reported from the State during the last 3 years.

For control of Malaria and other vector-borne diseases in the country, National Anti-Malaria Programme (NAMP) is implemented by the State Health Authorities. It is a Category-II Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Under NAMP, the Central Government provides material assistance in the form of drugs, insecticides and larvicides, as well as technical support to the States.

Strategies adopted for control of Malaria include:—

* Early case detection and prompt treatment
* Selective vector control
* Promotion of personal protection methods
* Early detection and containment of epidemics
* Information, Education and Communication towards personal prevention and community participation
* Institutional and Management Capacity Building, Trained Manpower Development and efficient Management Information system (MIS).

Coronary artery diseases

2585. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coronary artery diseases are assuming epidemic proportion in the country;

(b) if so, whether the drug-coated angioplasty stents are the most effective tool to permanently remove artery blockages;

(c) if so, whether the prohibitive prices of drug-coated angioplasty stents are a hindrance against their use in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to bring down the price of drug-coated stents;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?